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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

2. Related Arts Art:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

However, since there is a case where noises equivalent to the overcurrent occur, malfunctions due to such noises must be prevented and ~~thus accelerating the protection circuit has limits~~. On this account, cutting off the IGBT at high speed ~~has been difficult~~ while retaining a malfunction withstand capacity ~~of the malfunctions~~ is difficult.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

~~For a purpose to solve these problems, there is a~~ A semiconductor switching element driving circuit that solves the above problems is described in ~~the publication of~~ the Japanese Patent Laid-Open Application No. 64707/1997. The semiconductor switching element driving circuit described in this publication is shown in FIG. 11.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

In case that the conventional semiconductor switching element driving circuit is applied to such a motor driving circuit, as for the overcurrent caused by the motor lock or